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**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

May 10, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Town Office

NOT APPROVED

Select Board: Paula Barnes

Walker James

Carla Ochs

Roland Simmons

Miles Tudhope

**Present: Allen M. Alger Russell Young
Robert Arnebold**

**Susan Ann
Arnebold, Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Road Crew out continuing to put out gravel on the roads that need filling, as needed.

b. State Paving Grant – The Select Board received a letter from Thomas Roberts of DOT District #3 advising them that the Orwell grant application for \$89,344 was recommended for approval. An approved copy of the grant application should be coming in the near future from Montpelier and forwarded on to the Select Board.

c. New Truck Update – ATEC came down \$1,700.00 at Allen M. Alger's offer now making the original offer out only \$500. This is \$61,500 for the equipment listed to go onto the new truck chassis. [See attached sheet]

Miles Tudhope moved to accept the equipment sheet with cost as presented.

Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

Discussion ensued about any offers for the old truck. Allen M. Alger will place an ad with pertinent information in the Addison Independent and on Craig's List.

d. TAC Feedback - The Select Board received a request from ACRP TAC on local priorities for transportation infrastructure in Orwell. The deadline for such information is June 1, 2010.

Areas to be submitted are:

1. Paving of Route 73 East to Route 30.

- 2. Safety at the 4 corners, Route 22A/73 intersection, speed control.
 - 3. Safety at Cook Road/Route 22A intersection, visibility north and speed.
 - 4. Main Street/Route 73 in the Village, speed zone in school area.
- e. Right of Way – Biklen Residence – The Select Board went over the Biklen right of way permit that Allen M. Alger reviewed and signed. The permit is to avoid another pole and Ariel drop to the new house and to avoid cutting branches and roots of spruce trees on the road. Discussion followed.

Walker James moved to approve the Biklen permit as presented. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

f. Mt Independence Road – The Select Board discussed the conditions at the slide sight on Mt Independence Road near the Maglorie Audet property. The Select Board will view the sight as a Board at 6:30 p.m. before the next regular Select Board meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 24, 2010.

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g. Horton Road Water Problem – The land owner was invited by letter to this meeting but did not attend. The Road Crew is working on this project, has raised up the road and will continue restoring the road as directed by the Select Board this week.

h. Fisher Road – Walter Phelps is removing the hedge row on the west side of his property starting near the Murray Road entrance, south along Fisher Road. A request to close the road was made to Allen M. Alger. Discussion ensued.

The Select Board does not approve closing the road to cut the hedge row and suggested traffic control be used when work on the hedge row is in progress.

The next step Walter Phelps plans would be to stone the town ditch. A right of way permit from the Select Board will be needed to do this work.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2010, as written. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$14,184.12 and \$1,144.00 for the rabies/spayed programs, the Sewer Fund orders in the amount of \$544.25, and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

Walker James mowed the lawn at the Treatment Plant. The monthly report to the State was reviewed and signed.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board reviewed the financial reports submitted by the Treasurer.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Copier Report - Roland Simmons stated that he received a call last week from IKON concerning payment on the copier. The reply was that no more money will be sent until a resolution is set because we are not satisfied with the machine because it is not as it was presented to us and we do not want this machine. It became obvious that the people representing the machine did not know how the machine works as evidenced by the several attempts to repair a machine that really was not broken. The machine just does not work as represented.

A new machine from Symquest should be arriving sometime in the next few weeks.

b. Clean Up Day - The Select Board felt that the day went fairly well; the packer trucks worked well and were all gone by 3:00 p.m. After discussion it was decided that maybe next year the Select Board could request relief replacements for people because it makes for a long day. Wayne Hall worked with the Select Board this year.

The Select Board on behalf of the Town again thanks all the volunteers that helped make Green Up and Clean Up day another success for Orwell.

3. Lake Champlain Bridge Public Meeting Notice – There will be a bridge informational meeting at the Addison Central School, 6:30 p.m. on May 11, 2010.
4. 2008 Delinquent Tax Sale – There has been no further word concerning a tax sale.
5. Energy Audit – The energy audit was completed on the Fire/Rescue building April 29th. To

date the promised report has not been received.

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8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Pilot Values from State of Vermont – The State owned property values for FY11 PILOT payments are as follows:

Mt Independence et al - \$1,560,117 and the

Fish and Wildlife property - \$1,081,800

b. PACIF – Open Enrollment – July 1st is open enrollment for the Health Trust. The deadline for enrollment forms is June 1, 2010.

c. State Police Community Advisory Board Meeting – The date of this meeting is May 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the New Haven Safety Building.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Info from Ryan Smith & Carbine – Miles Tudhope moved to go into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed –

5 Yes 0 No.

The Select Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

No action was taken.

b. Energy Coordinator – Carla Ochs reported that Wayne Hall would be willing to be the Energy Coordinator for Orwell, at the ACRPC. Discussion followed.

Carla Ochs moved to appoint Wayne Hall Energy Coordinator at the ACRPC to represent Orwell. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed – 5 Yes 0 No.

c. Minutes – Miles Tudhope asked if the Select Board has to record minutes. Discussion ensued. Roland Simmons will research this matter with VLCT and the town attorney.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Miles Tudhope moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 5 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board